North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church

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Creating Fellowship Through Communication

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Jesus' Final Worlds ARE Words to Help Us in 2009

On the night of Jesus' betrayal, He got on His knees and washed His disciples feet. He served the disciples their first communion as He confirmed His covenant with them. Afterward, Jesus began to speak His last words to these chosen and select disciples.

So what did Jesus say to His disciples in those final, intimate moments with them? Three entire chapters of John (14, 15 and 16) are devoted to His last words to His disciples. These chapters contain the Spirit-inspired record of what Jesus said to His disciples just hours before He went to the Cross and the grave.

Jesus was about to physically depart from this world. He knew it was absolutely essential that the disciples learn how to rely entirely on the Spirit of God for guidance and direction after He left. Therefore, Jesus used His last moments to teach the disciples how to follow the Holy Spirit's leadership in the same way they had followed Him.

As we enter the uncertainty of 2009, we should recognize our need and dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Jesus did say, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever; " John 14:16

The Greek word for "another" is one of two that can be translated another. The word here means "one of the very same kind; same character; same everything; or nearly a duplicate." The world "another" as used in John 14:16 emphatically means that the Holy Spirit would be like Jesus in every way. This conveys a very strong and important message about the Holy Spirit. Jesus wanted the disciples to know that the Holy Spirit was just like Him. Following the Hoy Spirit wouldn't be any different than following Him, except the Spirit's leadership would be invisible rather than physical and visible, as Jesus' leadership had been.

John 14:16 could thus be translated to mean: "I will pray the Father, and He will send you Someone who is just like me in every way. He will be identical to me in the way He speaks, the way He thinks, the way He operates, the way He sees things, and the way He does things. He will be exactly like me in every way. If the Holy Spirit is here, it will be just as if I am here because we think, behave, and operate exactly the same."

Having the Holy Spirit with us is just like having Jesus right at our side. And He said, greater works than these will you do.. He did not qualify His statement to mean only in good times. In any time, in any set of events, greater works can be done. This is not because of us, but because of Him.

We therefore move into 2009 not as involved in "crisis" but as opportunity. He is with us. He will guide. He will direct! He will comfort. He will encourage.

** May I give credit to some of these thoughts to Missionary Rick Renner and his book—Paid In Full

ARCHIVES TRAINING

Director Betty Thompson and her Archives Board has planned a time of training on Saturday morning, January 24th. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. All are invited. Registration is highly suggested. CEU credits may be earned. Our church historian, Dr. Vinson Synan is the primary presenter.

Praise Corner:

- For the Spirit anointed Hispanic Convention
- For the many District Christmas parties—great fellowship. Thank you district directors for your hard work.
- For the Retired Ministers Luncheon—Some 125 were present. Well Done, Director Wiley Clark and team.
- For the great School of Mnistry in December. Well Done Brother Gary Strickland
- For the new church—New Life, Pastor Richard Artis
- For the new church—Calvary Temple, Pastor Cyrenna McNally, Southport
- For the quiet and blessed Christmas Holiday. (Two of our three boys were home).
- For the expectation of a new grandbaby in late May or early June. Eden will get a new sister! Praise the Lord!
- For a miraculous three years of church planting. 53 in the last three years. Well Done to Danny Nelson, Luis Avila, and Stacy Hilliard. Thank you, Lord!
- Pastor Wiley Hughes praises the Lord for 1,017 in church on December 17th. Well Done, Pastor and Mt. Carmel Team.
- Pastor Gary Strickland at Kingdom Place praises the Lord for 427 on December 28th and a December average of 369.
- For a great New Year's Eve lock in. Over 200 were present. Over 20 were saved. Well Done, Jon Oliver.
- For the January School of Ministry on Preaching—Well Done, Jimmy Whitfield and Teacher Terry Trammel.

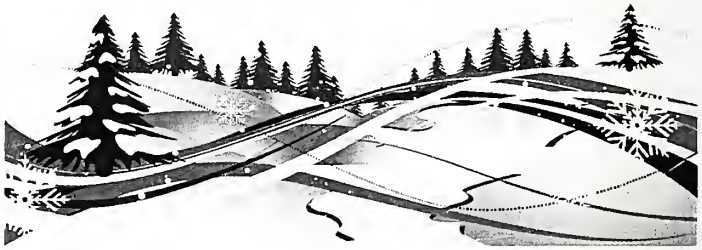
Prayer Corner:

- Gloria Dixon—Chemotherapy
- Paulene Knowles
- William and Edith Page
- Christine Norris
- Missionary Ron Wooten
- Calvin and Lois Trueblood
- Bert and Karen Sapp
- Christine Tyson
- T.L. Byrd
- Gladys Johnson
- Betty Dowdy
- Raleigh Horton
- Conrad Hall
- Myrtle Marshburn
- Ella Whichard
- Tim Henry
- W.M. Cordon
- Betty Tolar
- Kenneth Tart
- Lib Collins
- NC Conference Budget—As we begin the year
- Kathleen Williams
- Danny Harris' Father—Alton, hospital
- Pastor Jay Ellenburg
- President for Holmes Bible College
- General Conference
- For the upcoming Accelerant Meeting (Fire & Ice) with our youth—January 29th—February 1st. Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- Minister and Spouse Retreat—February
- Dennis Barber's family—His father, Hubert passed away

Piney Grove Bathrooms

Effort is being made to pay off the bathroom indebtedness at the Piney Grove Camp Meeting. Presently $7,000 is owed to the Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund. A special plaque has been authorized to commemorate the 100th Year Anniversary. For $100 each, an individual, couple, or church name may be engraved on this plaque. The proceeds go to pay off the bathroom. Time is running out. Act now. Due to high and late interest the deadline has been extended to January 31st.

Pray for a good snow.
It will help the farmers
and bless the Superintendent and wife.



REMINDER TO ALL LICENSED AND ORDAINED MINISTERS of the NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Each of you should have received a Confidential Minister's History form in the mail. Please fill out this form and get it back to me. We need to update our files. If you did not get one, please call Secretary Gina Page at (910) 980-1162 and request one.

Please check your dates. Some have reported different dates than what is on file—salvation, birth dates, anniversaries, etc. (People can get in trouble by forgetting certain dates).

New Pastoral Appointment:

Reverend Gerald Holloman has been appointed as interim pastor of Nakina Church

Open Churches:

Wakelon—Interim Pastor Bill Dunning
Capital in Raleigh
Rehoboth—Interim Pastor Jimmy Williams
Pinetown—Interim Pastor Raymond Potter
Bethany in Williamston
Mt. Paran in Wilson —Interim Pastor Emmett Turner
Hamilton—Interim Pastor Ralph Leggett
Carson Memorial in Greenville

Ministerial Changes:

- Reverend Gerald Holloman has transferred home from the PFWB
- Reverend Wayne Kirkman, Sr. of Fayetteville has been accepted as an ordained minister.
- Reverend Peggy Gawinski of Lumberton has been accepted as a licensed minister. Peggy is the daughter of the late Reverend Horace Rogers
- Reverend Harold Dudley has been approved for retirement. He will certainly continue to preach.
- Veteran Missionary Reverend Phillip List has transferred to North Carolina from the South Carolina Conference.
- These ministers have withdrawn from the Conference due to moving to another country:
  Silvano Caseres—Ordained
  Hector Colquichagua—Ordained
  Fredy Nunez—Licensed
- These Local Church Ministers have withdrawn from the Conference:
  Romel Balanos, Antonio Crispin, Hector de la Cruz, Porfirio Garcia, Francisco Sanchez, Gildardo Sanchez, Ramon Siquina, Jose Daniel Siquina
- It has become necessary for effective ministry to appoint an African-American Advisory Council. Praise the Lord for the growth and need. These initial members are—Director Stacy Hilliard, Pastor Marvin Smith, Pastor Larry Wright, Pastor Clarence Gray. Others will be added.
- New Directors of the Hispanic Districts are:
  North District—Pastor Idelfonzo Vargas
  South District—Pastor Luis Feliz
  East District—Pastor Edgar Perez
- The Hispanic Convention was held in Falcon on December 5 and 6. The new members elected to the Hispanic Board were Reverend Carmem Hannerman, Revered Jose Serrrano, Reverend Joel Pava, and Reverend Eduardo Gonzales.
  These are already on board—Dr. Luis Avila, Reverend John Parker, Reverend Fernando Angulo, Reverend Alfredo Vargas, Reverend Abraham Rodriguez, Reverend Luis Gonzales
- These have received Local Church Minister Credentials:
  Agustin Sanchez,
  Benito Pineda
- New Church—On Sunday night, December 14th, Brother Danny Nelson, Brother Stacy Hilliard, and I organized the New Life Church in Wilson. The Church is pastored by Reverend Richard Artis. We welcome this new church.
- New Church—On Sunday night, December 7th, Brother Danny Nelson and I organized the Calvary Temple in Southport, NC. The Pastor is Reverend Cyrena McNally. We praise the Lord for this new church. I have been praying for a Pentecostal Holiness Church in Southport since the fall of 1986. Praise the Lord for answering prayer.

Attention Retired Ministers—Your retirement form for Housing Designation for 2009 is due immediately in order for you to get the tax advantage.

Attention Ministers—Licensed and Ordained
The Annual Report Form for ministers will be mailed soon. We had to get beyond the first of the year.

Mileage Rate for 2009—The mileage rate for business travel for 2009 is 55¢/mile. This is a reduction from the last half of 2008 of 58.5¢/mile.

CEU's—
2009 begins a new CEU cycle. All clergy should get in all their CEU's for the last cycle 2007-2008. Retired Ministers and Licensed Ministers actively pursuing ordination are exempt from the reporting. Those clergy who join within a cycle are required CEU's in a prorated basis. The requirement is 48 over a two year period.

RDC Office Closed—
The Conference Office will be closed on Martin Luther King Day—January 19th

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

I am now trying to certify all the delegates to the 2009 General Conference. Every senior pastor may be a delegate. Every pastor's spouse may be a delegate. Every ordained minister may be a delegate. Every spouse may be a delegate. Spouses will be certified if the clergy person is certified. To be certified one must be faithful, in good standing, and up to date with tithes, etc. Each local church that is certified may have one lay delegate. Church delegates will be certified as they are sent to the Conference office.

Certification letters to clergy, spouses, and church delegates reported have been mailed. Any clergy who have not received a letter should contact Bishop Thompson (only those clergy as listed above.)

General Conference will be in Greensboro, North Carolina. July 24 through August 1, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity to attend a General Conference.

Licensed Ministers cannot be certified unless they are the Senior Pastor. They cannot serve as a lay delegate.

All registrations are handled through Oklahoma City—not the Conference Office. However, only those can register that are certified by the Conference Office.